

Season 2 Episode 8

Back to the Past

Mason sits at his desk and he goes over files on his computer. It documents his dates of acquisition. It says that Mason built his virtual reality machine in August of 1993. It also says that he built Orbot in August of 1997. Mason scrolls through his files and he sees Jason enters his lab. Jason is playing with a Yo-Yo that lights up as he spins it around. Jason does some typical Yo-Yo tricks. Mason looks at him and he said, "Quit playing with that thing in my lab." Jason said, "I learned some new tricks that you may like to see. It may give you ideas for new inventions." Mason said, "I highly doubt that." Jason said, "Just watch and I promise I will leave your lab." Mason said, "Fine, just go on with it." Jason said, "First, walk the dog." Jason does the walk the dog trick and then he stops, and he said, "Now, it is the swing." Jason makes his Yo-Yo swing back and forth. Jason said, "And now for the conclusion... Around the world." Jason swings his Yo-Yo once around Mason's lab and Mason ducks and it hits a glass flask and it breaks. Jason swings it around again and it hits a cylinder and it breaks releasing a gas into Mason's lab. A computer voice said, "Warning, warning! Gas contamination leak in lab. Evacuate at once and seek repair!" Mason said, "Look what you've done!" Jason stands still, and he watches the lab get consumed in toxic gas and Mason said, "What are you standing for? Leave!" Mason runs and grabs Jason and heads for the outside door. The gas consumes Jason and Mason and they fall to the floor knocked out.

Mason is at his desk and he has papers in his hand. Mason said, "Computer, what happened to the gas?" There is no answer. Mason asks again, "Computer, where's the gas." Mason still gets no answer. Mason said, "I guess I have to go to it manually then. I knew voice automation would not work." Mason goes to his computer and he sees it is a small computer with a black screen that only displays green text. Mason said, "Why is this computer here? I got rid of this thing years ago." Mason sees that it is turned on and it is running calculations. Mason goes to it and he reads its database. Mason cannot find anything about the gas leak. Mason looks at the manifest of lab systems and robots. There are no readings of his virtual reality machine and Orbot. Mason said, "It says my virtual reality machine does not exist and there is no Orbot. I wonder what else is missing. I wonder if this is some kind of displacement or something. It does not even say anything about the gas leak." Jason walks in the lab eating a hotdog with bacon and cheese and he has a large paper cup of orange soda. Mason said, "Jason, I'm glad you're here I need your help with something." Jason said, "Why are you here? Shouldn't you be out at the institute now?" Mason said, "What institute?" Jason said, "You know, the one you go to everyday that is run by that Dr. Gruzzard. I don't know why you still like going to that place. I think it is pointless and impossible for average people. Average people except for me of course." Mason said, "Dr. Gruzzard's institute?" Mason goes back to his desk and he looks at the papers that are on it and he sees it is work that was given to him by, Dr. Gruzzard. Mason runs back to his computer and he checks the date and time on it. The

computer said, "Month: 07, Day, 05, Year: 1992." Mason's eyes go big. Mason said, "How is it 1992? It was 2000 a few moments earlier when the gas leak engulfed my lab. This is strange and there must be something to it. I don't think toxic gas could have done this." Jason said, "Is there something wrong?" Mason said, "There is."

Jason sits at a seat and Mason paces back and forth in front of him. Jason said, "Let's get this straight, you were in the year, 2000 and I was doing Yo-Yo tricks and one of them caused a gas leak in this lab that knocked us out and destroyed your lab?" Mason said, "That's how it seems. I don't know how I got here. I don't know why I'm here, but I think there might be a good reason for it." Jason said, "We can consult my comic book collection if you want. We could find some good theories in there." Mason said, "I don't think any of those would help." A screen in Mason's lab makes a beeping noise and Mason walks to it and he looks for the answer button. After a few seconds, Mason finds it and he presses it and Keith's face appears on the screen. Keith said, "Why, Mason, what a great day it was today. It was Student Promotion Day and it only applies to students that attend. You did not show up, so I won the promotion and you didn't. Dr. Gruzzard and everyone else honored me and you are left to be forgotten unless you redeem yourself which would be very hard at this point." Mason said, "You did this. You invented some kind of sabotage to make toxic gas leak in my lab, so you can knock Jason and me out, so you can rule the world or something. I know this was you." Keith said, "I'm afraid I don't know what you're talking about." Mason said, "I know your father has a plot to rule the world and he will be defeated by someone. He will not win. Don't think for one second that I'm ignorant because I'm not." Keith said, "You've never been the one to jump to such conclusions. I kind of like it. I just wanted to tell you that I won over you." The screen goes blank. Jason said, "I really don't like that Keith guy. He is a jerk." Mason said, "That does not describe half the things he will do in the years to come."

Mason goes to bed and his eyes stay open for the entire time. Morning comes and his alarm clock makes a quiet buzzing noise and Mason's bed is tilted sideways and he falls out of his bed and down a metal slide. Mason is in his white and light blue boxers and his normal clothes is put on and he falls at the breakfast table where a robot gives him bacon and eggs. Mason digs in and he leaves the house and he looks at his watch and he presses a button on it and it turns into a full size bicycle and Mason rides it. Mason rides down the street. Mason stops, and he presses a button on his watch and his bike goes back into it. Mason walks in and he sees computers with kids his age sitting at them and typing out programming codes. Mason goes to his computer and he starts entering in data. Keith comes in and sits next to Mason. Keith shows Mason a gold badge he wears on his orange knitted suit with a tie. Keith said, "You would be wearing this right now if you showed up yesterday." Mason said, "Keith, I'm from the future and I know what will happen within the next few days. I know there is some kind of plot going on here." Keith said, "The only plot here is mine to defeat you in the promotion which this gold badge clearly proves."

Dr. Gruzzard walks in the room and he reads coding commands and explains the philosophy of binary language in programming. Mason tries to see if he can access the internet, but he can't. He also sees the computers are like the ones in his lab that have black screens

that can only show green text. Recess is called a few hours later and Mason walks around the hallways of the building. He tries to look for anything suspicious. He does not see much because all the doors are locked. He sees a room with a red sign that reads, "Restricted Area." Mason sees a big tropical plant in the hallway and he hides behind it. Mason stares at the door to see if anyone would come in or leave and Mason can make his entrance. Mason stares at the door and the janitor opens it to clean it and enters. Mason sneaks behind him and Mason gets into the restricted room unnoticed. It is dark and Mason hides around tables with weird experiments and gadgets on them. Mason waits for the janitor to leave and he eventually does. Mason walks through the place and he sees clear glass beakers with colored chemicals flowing through them through tubes that connect them. Mason sees a computer just like all the other computers he has seen since he mysteriously arrived in 1992. Mason goes to it and he tries to access its database to see if he can find any clues on what is happening. Mason sees an encrypted file that is restricted to everyone else but Dr. Gruzzard and a Dr. Dru. Mason said, "Who's Dr. Dru?" Mason looks through the files and he tries to see what he can. Mason sees a floppy drive and Mason reaches in his shirt and he pulls out a floppy disc and he puts it in the computer's floppy drive. The screen said, "Access Granted." Mason sees the blueprints for a machine that looks like a giant telescope pointed at the sun.

Mason reads the screen and it said, "Dr. Gruzzard has invented a revolutionary machine to send signals at lightspeed to the sun and back and it gives data on other points in time, including the future. Dr. Gruzzard has seen the future. He knows his plan to take over the world will be thwarted by his student, Mason and his twin brother, Jason. Dr. Gruzzard made his colleague, Dr. Dru, the leader of the project and he will use the machine to find Mason in the future and bring him here and make sure that he never succeeds at defeating Dr. Gruzzard.' Time has already been partially changed because I no longer got the promotion that I won then. Dr. Gruzzard and this, Dr. Dru must be stopped. I cannot let them play with the flow of time and space. This can have catastrophic effects on not only us but the universe as a whole. I wonder who is this Dr. Dru anyways." A voice said, "That would be me." Mason turns around and he sees a lit-up part of the room and he sees a bald scientist with a short black beard. He said, "I am Dr. Dru and I'm the one that has to make sure that you and Jason don't defeat Dr. Gruzzard so he can have the world that he very well desires." Mason said, "You don't understand. Dr. Gruzzard is a madman. His son, Keith is a madman too. You're going to destroy the time and space continuum if you do this." Dr. Dru said, "How is that my problem? Oh wait, it isn't. I will have you thrown out of here." Dr. Dru grabs onto Mason with a tight metal glove and he pulls him out of the place and he drags him across the floor to Dr. Gruzzard's office.

Dr. Dru barges in Dr. Gruzzard's office with Mason in his grasp and he throws Mason on the floor. Dr. Dru said, "I found this tweek sneaking around in the restricted room." Dr. Gruzzard said, "Very good, Dr. Dru. You are the cunning man that I needed. Now, Mr. Mason, first you skip a day and now you go looking around the restricted rooms. Why is this?" Mason said, "You know why. You or Dr. Dru brought me from the future and this is all a plot of yours to stop me from defeating you in the next few days." Dr. Gruzzard said, "Precisely. That is exactly what I am trying to do. I already jaded you enough that your grades will slip and now I have a charge on you for trespassing on property that is not yours without permission." Mason said, "What you're doing is far worse. You are doing something that was not meant to be done. You

cannot go about like this.” Dr. Gruzzard said, “I was going to announce a world-tour trip for all of you tomorrow. It looks like that’s not going to happen now. You are banned from this institute and you are to pack your things and get the heck out of here now.” Mason leaves the place with his head down.

Mason walks down the streets with his head down. Mason said, “How did I defeat him before? I remember, I did it with some help from my twin, Jason. Jason helped me then and I am sure he will help me now.” Mason runs home, and he barges in Jason’s room and Jason is playing on his Saga Nemesis game system. Mason said, “Jason, I need your help.” Jason said, “I’m in the middle of playing Roads of Wrath and I’m on the eighth level. Can this wait?” Mason said, “This is an emergency. Dr. Gruzzard just kicked me out of his institute and I found out why this has happened. Dr. Gruzzard hired a scientist named, Dr. Dru to create a machine to find me in the future and bring me back to now so Dr. Gruzzard can stop me from preventing him from ruling the world.” Jason said, “When has Dr. Gruzzard ruled the world?” Mason said, “He will within the next few days and we would just have to stop him.” Jason said, “This doesn’t make any sense. What’s the point of bringing you here? Couldn’t he have just done the same thing without bringing you here?” Mason said, “Dr. Gruzzard brought me here so he could detain me and fork information from me about the future that his device may not have picked up. That is where he went wrong. He banned me from his institute so now he can’t get his hands on me unless I go back there. I am sure the machine is at the institute and I know how to hack the security system of that place. I am so much smarter than Dr. Gruzzard and his son, Keith. That is why I got the two of us to defeat him once before and we will do the same thing. I looked at the controls to the machine on a computer and I know how to manipulate it so that some things will have happened, and some things will not have happened. I know just what to do. Come to the lab and I will lay out my plan.”

Jason and Mason gather in Mason’s lab and Mason shows Jason a map of the institute. Mason said, “I will wear fake glasses and a moustache with a nose and I will try to use my gadgets to break down the restricted door. I will find the machine there and perform the manipulation that is needed, and everything will be returned to normal. None of us will remember any of this afterwards.” Jason said, “I want to keep my memory.” Mason said, “You will still have all your other memories. The only ones that will be gone are the ones related to the last few days with me being from the future. I want you to serve as a distraction. You will pretend to be me, and you will be armed with weapons of mine and your hair will be changed to my color of brown while this happens. They will think you are me and they will go for you rather than me and that is when I will strike.” Jason said, “I kind of like doing distractions. I guess this could work fine.” Mason said, “That’s the spirit we want. We will strike tomorrow at 0900 hours and we will show up separately. You will take your skateboard and I will take my bike. You will leave twenty minutes earlier than me and I will show up later. You need to hold them up for at least thirty minutes. Can you do that?” Jason salutes and he said, “I most certainly can.” Mason said, “Good job then.” Jason said, “There’s just one problem, I can’t wait 900 hours.”

The next morning comes and Jason changes his hair from blond to brown and he goes out on a skateboard. Twenty minutes later, Mason leaves in disguise. Jason shows up at the

institute and he stands in the front lobby. He sees Keith enter the building and heads for the workroom. Jason follows him, and they meet each other at the computers. Keith gives Jason a stern look and he said, "I thought you were banned from this place yesterday." Jason said, "They let me come back." They are seated and Dr. Gruzzard enters the room and he said, "I have a big announcement to make. We are going on a world-tour to various locations around the world where we will showcase our gadgets and inventions. What are you doing here, Mason? You are not supposed to be here." Jason said, "I am Mason, duh, a ban means nothing to me, duh!" Dr. Gruzzard presses a button on his watch and he said, "Security, come to my room at once. Mason is back." Guards show up to the room and they go to capture and detain Jason. Jason grabs a ray gun and he uses it on the guards and it makes them light-headed and they fall to the floor. Dr. Gruzzard said, "You're using weapons against me." Jason aims the ray gun at Dr. Gruzzard but the ray gun short circuits and stops working. Jason throws the thing away and guards that were not hit by the ray beams crowd around Jason.

Mason shows up in disguise and he heads for the restricted area and Mason uses a lock breaking gadget and he breaks down the door and he marches in and he tries to look for the machine. He walks around the place, but he does not see it. Mason said, "We have a problem on our hands." Jason keeps putting up a fight and Mason goes to the computer and he tries to locate the machine. He has no luck and he quickly looks both ways and his face is sweating in fear. Mason runs in the hallway and he tries to see if he can go to a different room that it may be in. Mason gets an idea. He remembers in the picture that the device was aimed at the sun. Mason finds a staircase that leads to the roof of the building. Mason runs up the stairs and he is on the roof and he sees Dr. Dru with the machine and he is entering data into it and he has it aimed at the sun. Mason said, "Dr. Dru, you are not getting away with this. I am much smarter than you. I will reprogram that thing and I will restore everything and maybe alter time, so you would not exist." Dr. Dru said, "I can do the same for you. I would if you were not needed. You are part of Dr. Gruzzard's plot." Mason said, "How so?" Dr. Dru said, "Dr. Gruzzard also asked me to invent mind control. He will equip you with it, so he can control you and use your intellect to help plan his attacks on the world." Mason said, "You're not getting away with this that easy." Mason throws a skateboard to the ground and he uses jets on it to speed into Dr. Dru's legs and stun him, so Mason can reprogram the machine. Mason runs for the machine and Dr. Dru hits Mason in the head and Mason falls to the floor of the roof. Mason sees Dr. Dru enters in more data and Mason jumps on him and he tries to knock him off.

Dr. Gruzzard gets a call on his cellphone and it said, "Dr. Gruzzard, this is security, Mason is on the roof fighting with Dr. Dru." Dr. Gruzzard said, "It can't be. Mason is in here causing trouble." The security man said, "The Mason fighting Dr. Dru seems to be smart and cunning." Dr. Gruzzard said, "This must be a decoy then. He is acting like an idiot. I don't have time for fools like him." Dr. Gruzzard leaves the scene and he goes to the roof where Mason is fighting Dr. Dru. Jason follows Dr. Gruzzard up there and they see Mason fighting Dr. Dru over the controls to the machine. Dr. Dru and Dr. Gruzzard team up and they fight Mason leaving him hanging on a horizontal flagpole for his life. Dr. Gruzzard said, "You've been defeated, Mason. Don't think you will succeed now with us in command." Jason sees what's happening and he sees they left the machine unattended. Jason sees it looks like a telescope. Jason gets to the controls and he swings the device around and he knocks Dr. Dru and Dr. Gruzzard off the

edge of the building and they fall and smash into the street. Mason is still holding on and Mason said, "Thanks, Jason." Mason crawls back to the roof and he sets the machine for the original, unaltered timeline he was in before. He makes one alteration. Mason said, "Jason, you're a good man. You have a lot to see in the future and it is good for sure." Jason said, "I'm glad I could help." Mason presses the buttons and Mason appears in his lab where he was before anything happened. Mason looks at his computer and he checks all his files and he sees everything is there including his virtual reality machine and Orbot. Mason sits back and he breaths a sigh of relief. Jason walks in the place with a Yo-Yo and Jason said, "I want to show you some new tricks." Mason grabs a ray gun and it fires a concentrated beam at the Yo-Yo and it disintegrates." Jason said, "What did you do that for?" Mason said, "There was a very good reason for it. Trust me, there was." Jason said, "It better have been good."